ONGC's Order for supply of pipes to M/s P.J. Pipes Ltd.

2915. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 2929 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th August, 1993 and state:

(a) how, by whom, at what rate and on what terms and conditions the remaining quantity, i.e. 53914 meters of pipes of the ONGC order dated the 9th December, 1987 which was not complied with M/s P.J. Pipes Ltd., was obtained;

(b) how much loss Government had to suffer on this account and what steps Government had taken to recover the loss;

(c) what were the reasons for which the delivery period of three ONGC orders dated the 9th and 16th July, 1991 was extended beyond 31st July, 1992 on which date, on whose instance and on whose orders the period was extended;

(d) what was the prevailing price when these orders were placed in 1990, in May 1991 in 1992 and in the dates when the orders were fully executed;

(e) whether the prices declined by 30 per cent to 35 per cent in 1992 and the company was benefitted for about Rs. 7 crores by buying these pipes from international market at lower price during the extended period; and

(f) if so, what are the facts in this regard and what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) On review of the requirements, it was decided not to procure the balance quantity.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The deliveries were extended beyond July, 1992 by the competent authority, with provision for Liquidated Damages, for the following reasons:—

(i) due to Gulf war in 1991, the receipt of raw material by M/s P.J. Pipes & Vessels Limited had been delayed.

(ii) due to changes in Export Import Policy, M/s P.J. Pipes & Vessels had suspended supplies.

(iii) during April, 1993, due to bomb blast and riots in Bombay, normal life was disrupted affecting their production schedule.

(iv) the rates of M/s P.J. Pipes were lower than the rates received in other tenders during the period.

(d) The rates obtained in 1990, 1991 & 1992 were Rs. 1,06,594.69 (ex-works) Rs. 1,25,114.76 (CIF) and Rs 1,68,612.45 (CIF) per 100 mtrs respectively and in the case of one small quantity @ Rs. 82,292.54 per 100 mtrs (CIF).

The rates during January, 1993 were Rs. 1,46,716.00 per 100 mtrs. In May 1993 the supply order Nos. C-0151, 0152 & 0154 were fully executed.

(e) The rates authorised to M/s P.J Pipes under the supply orders were lower than the prevailing prices obtained in 1992.

(f) Does not arise.

Proposal for laying up pipeline from western off-shore to southern region

2916. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved any proposal for laying up a pipeline from Western off-shore to the Southern region with a suitable landfall point along the Western coast;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;